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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 6573

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MOPS, PBOR, ET, SO, UR
SUBJECT: MORE ON OGADEN FIGHTING

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1. NAIROBI JOURNALISTS ARE BOMBARDING EMBASSY WITH REQUESTS
FOR CONFIRMATION OF AFP REPORT OUT OF MOGADISCIO THAT HARAR
HAS FALLEN TO SOMALIS.

2. FRENCH MILATT BOISSIERE TOLD EMBOFF MORNING NOV 25 THAT
REPORT FROM FRENCH CONSUL IN DIRE DAWA PREVIOUS MORNING IN-
DICATED CITY OF HARAR QUIET AND FULLY CONTROLLED BY ETHIOPIANS.
CONSUL REPORTED SOME SHOOTING HAD OCCURRED IN STREETS OF HARAR
NOV 23 BUT HAD BEEN QUICKLY SUPPRESSED AND THAT "ENEMY NO LON-
GER WITHIN CITY LIMITS." CONSUL ALSO STATED ARTILLERY AND
ROCKET FIRE EASILY HEARD FROM KIRE DAWA AND SPECULATED SAME
WAS TRUE AROUND HARAR.

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3. MILATT STATED HE HEARD THAT BULGARIAN, YUGOSLAV,
CUBAN, AND SOVIET MEDICAL PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO HARAR
HAD RETREATED TO DIRE DAWA AS FIGHTING APPROACHED
HARAR. HE BELIEVED THESE PERSONNEL STILL IN DIRE DAWA
FOR TIME BEING. MILATT ADDED THAT TWO MIG FIGHTERS
HAD BEEN SPOTTED AT DIRE DAWA AIRPORT, BUT COULD NOT
ASSESS RELIABILITY OF SOURCE. HE BELIEVED 10-12 MIGS

(PRESUMABLY MIG-21'S) WERE BEING FLOWN OUT OF DEBRE ZEIT AIRFIELD, BUT DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THEY OPERATIONAL, NOR HOW MANY WERE TRAINERS AND HOW MANY WERE COMBAT CRAFT. IN OTHER CONTEXT, HE SPECULATED ABOUT GROWING EAST-GERMAN-ETHIOPIAN RELATIONSHIP, SAYING HE THOUGHT NEGOTIATIONS POSSIBLY TAKING PLACE TO SECURE DELIVERY OF 500 ADDITIONAL IAF HEAVY DUTY, MILITARY TRANSPORT VEHICLES. BOISSIERE ALSO ACCEPTED AS TRUE RECENT REPORTS OF EPMG LOSS OF ANOTHER F-5 AIRCRAFT, BUT COULD NOT SAY WHETHER F-5E OR F-5A INVOLVED. MATHERON

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